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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

I oppose House Bill 3076.

The bill would put an extreme financial burden on firearms dealers with the proposed fees, insurance and security requirements. Firearms dealers are currently licensed federally, and in order to receive a Federal Firearms License (FFL) they must submit photographs, fingerprints and personal information to pass a federal background check. The proposed state license would be a duplication of this process and a duplication of fees. The insurance and security requirements would be financially impossible for most dealers. Other than the financial cost, the security requirements will also have a negative impact on customer foot traffic--many customers will not want to shop where they are being monitored by video and audio. The bill would put a burden on law-abiding dealers and customers, and criminals will continue to steal firearms or purchase them on the black market.